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SUBJ: REQUEST FROM GOU OFFICIALS FOR THE TRANSPORT OF WEAPONS TO
U. S.

1. ON APRIL 26, TWO MILITARY OFFICERS FROM THE JOINT MILITARY STAFF
CALLED AT THE EMBASSY ON A MATTER WHICH THEY TERMED " VERY SECRET".

2. THEY STATED THAT THEY NEEDED INFORMATION ON WHAT STEPS WOULD BE
NECESSARY TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL USG PERMISSION FOR A GROUP OF FOUR
OFFICERS TO CARRY WEAPONS ON A TRIP TO THE U. S. THESE OFFICIALS
COULD GIVE US NO SPECIFIC REASON FOR THIS TRIP, DECLARING THAT THEY
THEMSELVES HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THEIR " MISSION" AND WOULD NOT
BE " UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE". THEY STATED THAT THE ARMS INVOLVED WERE
4 SUBMACHINE GUNS, 4 PISTOLS, 2 HAND- GRENADES, AND 2 GAS
CANNISTERS.

3. ACCORDING TO THESE OFFICERS, ONLY FOUR OTHERS PERSONS WERE
AWARE OF THE DETAILS OF THIS " MISSION". PRESIDENT BORDABERRY
MINISTER OF DEFENSE RAVENNA, CHIEF OF THE JOINT MILITARY STAFF
GENERAL ALVAREZ, AND GOU AMBASSADOR TO THE U. S. HECTOR LUISI.

4. TRANSPORTATION FOR GROUP IS ALLEGEDLY TO BE FURNISHED BY PLUNA
(URUGUAYAN STATE- OWNED AIRLINE) UTILIZING A BOEING 737 JET. ROUTING
WOULD BE FROM MONTEVIDEO TO ASUNCION, LIMA, PANAMA, MIAMI,
AND NEW YORK. GROUP WOULD APPARENTLY RECEIVE ITS INSTRUCTION ON
ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK, FROM AMBASSADOR LUISI.

5. WE MADE NO COMMENT ON THIS PRESENTATION, EXCEPT TO NOTE STRICT
CONTROLS ON ARMS, BOTH IN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND WITHIN U. S. WE
POINTED OUT DIFFICULTIES IN REPLYING TO INQUIRY IN ABSENCE OF
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SO TIMED THAT IT WILL NOT AFFECT OUR SECURITY."

5. FYI: POL COUNSELOR HAD PROVIDED PICHAI WITH TEXTS
OF RELEVANT STATEMENTS AND BACKGROUND ON US USE OF
BASES DURING CONVERSATION MAY 2. DURING WEEK USIS HAS
FURNISHED THAI AND ENGLISH LOCAL PRESS WITH COPIES OF
STATEMENTS MADE IN 1962. THESE ALSO BEING GIVEN TO
SUPREME COMMAND AND TO SEC GEN SEATO.
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